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Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hair "retired" in the mid-1980s, but his dedication to his profession and the ill continues undaunted. He is the epitome of the family doctor, one who knows that diagnosing an illness is just one part of the healing process. I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing his vast contributions to medicine, to his community, and to the ill, and thank him for a lifetime of healing.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI ISRAEL
ZOBERMAN

HON. EDWARD L. SCHROCK
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. SCHROCK. Dear Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach. He is also the President of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis, and Chairman of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. I would like to share the following article that was written by Rabbi Zoberman and appeared in the *Virginian-Pilot* on August 13, 2001.

ISRAEL WILL FOCUS ON SURVIVAL FIRST,
PEACE LATER

I have just encountered a place like no other where a watermelon may include an explosive device and fanatic suicide bombers threaten to rip apart all who happen to be in their vicinity. Being in Jerusalem a week ago, the latest terrifying carnage there has a chilling immediacy of both numbness and outrage! Can our Western mindset focused on fulfilling our individual lives in the here and now, catering to our every whim, understand those young Islamic terrorists transformed into martyrs with their bodies perfumed to reach heavenly delights not before turning earth into hell?

On a recent solidarity mission to Israel sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Judaism's Reform branch), I was exposed to that reality reminiscent of the twilight zone, though the Israelis, to their credit proceed almost with life as usual. In fact, a major disaster was averted in Haifa when a suicide bomber got cold feet, an unusual occurrence. We were there to offer our brethren the familial support that only our physical presence could provide, so essential to their ability to persevere in face of a challenge not to them alone but to all civilized life.

Israel's dramatic accomplishments, aided by the promise of peace, particularly shine brightly in that part of the world, with a GNP approaching Western Europe's and a second-to-none high-tech revolution reflective of its brain-power, underlying an alliance with human progress and innovation. It is even more impressive given the Israeli context of security concerns while absorbing a million immigrants from as diverse cultures as the Russian and Ethiopian ones. The great strides toward lasting peace with the Arab world following bitter wars with only a year ago reaching the brink of finally burying the hatchet with the resilient Palestinian foe. That dream dashed by Chairman Arafat who apparently could not grasp how

far his people came, turning instead to his all too familiar way of violence in violation of the Oslo Accords that he signed. Rabbi Michael Melchoir, Deputy Foreign Minister, who was at Camp David, assured us that former Prime Minister Barak indeed courageously made the "historical concessions" inviting Arafat to respond constructively. Melchoir emphasized that the present lengthy crisis has created much hardship to the Palestinian population with fifty-percent unemployment and their towns under closure.

Perhaps it was the 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Rabin by a Jewish extremist that ultimately led to the deadly impasse. Rabin and Arafat developed a personal bond so essential for overcoming years of mutual mistrust. The daughter of the general turned peacemaker, Dalia Rabin-Pelosoff, who serves as Deputy Defense Minister, movingly reminded us at the Rabin Center For the Study of Peace, that the fateful bullet continues to affect the Middle East's destiny. But the petite and assertive woman was also adamant of the need to stand up to terrorism and carefully separate the two peoples, in which I wholeheartedly concur. Disconcertingly, she reported of yet no information on the fate of the three kidnapped Israeli soldiers including Benny Avraham of Tidewater's adopted Pardes Katz. At the same setting, the new U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Daniel Kurtzer, asked us in the midst of a trying scenario to remember the end goal of peace.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's message to us dwelled on the overriding importance of preserving our common Jewish identity and his profound appreciation for the role played by American Jewry, the bridge between the small Jewish state and the tested ally and true friend of the world's sole super power, which too has painfully faced Arab terrorism. He is under heavy criticism for this dovish transformation from his own Likud party and Israelis at large to end an intolerable situation that no state would put up with. His targeting of Palestinian leaders engaged in organized terror in which Arafat's non-democratic and corrupt Palestinian Authority is a key factor, aims at reducing the level of violence while avoiding the risk of a wider war which, I believe, might not be prevented after all. From the political left, Yossi Beilin, the former Justice Minister and architect of the Oslo Accords, told us of Sharon's need to negotiate with Arafat even under fire. However, the latter's message of non-compromise is quite clear. Colonel (Res.) Yigal Carmon, president of the Middle East Media and Research Institute, proved to us that the Arab leaders use double-talk in English and Arabic. They are denying the very basic assumptions of Jewish peoplehood, its link to the land of Israel and sacred bond to Jerusalem's Temple Mount, intent on covering Israel with Palestinian refugees, whom they abandoned. Employing traditional anti-Semitism, they also disregard the Holocaust and continue to teach their children to demonize Israelis and become terrorist-martyrs.

Israel can not afford to give up its vision of peace for itself and its neighbors, it is rooted in its very being, sacrificing so long, much for it. For now, it must insist that survival comes first till Abba Eban's proven maxim will be disproved that "the Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity."

THE TERRORIST ATTACKS LAST
WEEK IN NEW YORK CITY AND
WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, many thousands of families across this Nation were hurt in terrible and tragic ways by the terrorist attacks last week in New York City and Washington, D.C.

For them, there will be no closure, a word I dislike, because I believe it is simply a word used by those not directly affected to make themselves feel better.

Those who lost loved ones or those who suffered very severe injuries will have to learn to cope with their losses and/or their injuries in the best way possible, but it will be extremely difficult, especially for parents who lost sons or daughters or small children who lost a mother or father.

So I certainly do not in any way want to minimize their losses.

But, there has been an outpouring of love, kindness and patriotism like I have never seen in my lifetime.

There are thousands of people across this country attempting to do everything they can to bring good out of this bad, triumph out of tragedy—horrible, horrible tragedy.

We have all been moved by many wonderful people and the stories of the good they have done.

But I want to especially call to the attention of my colleagues, and readers of the record all over the Nation, the actions of Melissa Kesling and the words of Justin Wright, two outstanding young people from East Tennessee.

Melissa is a 15-year-old sophomore at Faragut High School in West Knox County, just outside the City of Knoxville.

She had worked for many months as a clerk in a doctor's office and as a babysitter to save money for a trip to Spain.

On her own, without her parents ever knowing, she donated her entire savings of \$1,100 to the American Red Cross to assist in their work arising out of these attacks.

Justin is a fifth-grade student at Ball Camp Elementary School, also in Knox County.

He was given an assignment to write about his feelings following the tragedies of September 11. He wrote the following words (words I wish all Americans could read):

ATTACK ON THE U.S.A.

I wonder why someone would do such a horrible thing? Whoever caused this tragedy will be greatly punished.

At first I was scared because we live near Oak Ridge, which has lots of nuclear weapons. If the terrorists had attacked Oak Ridge, we might have been injured or killed.

There may be a war, but I am not afraid. Many men will be put to the test. I believe in their ability to find and punish the morons responsible. I am still very upset, and I wish I had some way to help the government figure out who is responsible. If I were old enough, I would volunteer to be a fighter pilot and help punish these terrorists.

I feel so sorry for all the victims and their families. I am glad that my family was neither on the airplanes nor in the damaged

buildings. If I were old enough, I would go to New York and Washington to help the victims.

I have chosen not to dwell on this tragedy. I will live my life in a cautious manner, but I will not let the threat of terrorism ruin my life. Our money says, "In God We Trust", and this is what we should do. We need to put our trust in God each and every day. The Lord is our shepherd, and He will guide us through the rest of our lives. I AM PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN!!!!!!!

We would not need to worry about the future of this Nation if all of our young people were outstanding citizens and patriotic Americans like Melissa Kesling and Justin Wright. I am very proud of both of them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during the following rollcall vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated below.

Rollcall No. 343: "Yea."

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM McDONOUGH ON BEING AWARDED THE 2001 JOSEPH AND FRANK DUVEINECK HUMANITARIAN AWARD FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a proud American, William McDonough, who is being honored with the 2001 Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award for national service on Saturday, September 22, 2001, in Los Altos Hills, California.

Recognized in 1999 as a "Hero for the Planet" by Time Magazine, William McDonough was the recipient of the first and only Presidential Award for Sustainable Development in 1996. An architect by training, he has dedicated his life to reconnecting our citizens with their surrounding environment.

The founder of William McDonough & Partners, William McDonough's architectural firm was created to celebrate the creativity of the human spirit and the abundance of nature. Through his work and his advocacy, William McDonough has consistently displayed an abiding respect for ecology, social equity and economy. Heeding an ultimate objective of removing potential poisons from all products, factories, and the natural landscape, William McDonough creates consumer goods with biodegradable and synthetic materials that can be recycled for future use. Many of the buildings he has designed create more energy than they use in their own operation, an extraordinarily important innovation for California and the rest of the nation. William McDonough has designed products and office buildings for Nike, The Gap, and Palm, Inc.

William McDonough has dedicated his professional life to strengthening the economic and spiritual ties between our environment and ourselves. It is therefore fitting that he is being honored with the 2001 Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues today to join me in honoring this special man who has given so much to our community and our environment. We are indeed a better country, a better planet and a better people because of him.

TRIBUTE TO THE FIREFIGHTERS OF THE THIRTYMILE FIRE

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in honor of four heroic individuals from Washington State who gave their lives protecting our precious national forests. On July 10, 2001, Tom Craven, Karen Fitzpatrick, Jessica Johnson, and Devin Weaver died while battling a fire in the Okanogan National Forest. The House of Representatives, rightly so, has already passed a resolution honoring these firefighters, but I would like to share with my colleagues, and indeed the rest of the nation, a little more about these courageous young Americans whose lives were cut far too short.

Tom Craven, of Ellensburg, began working for the Forest Service as a firefighter in 1990. Tom earned 11 letters from Cle Elum High School in football, track, and basketball, and played football at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, CA. He graduated from Central Washington University in 1997, and was the first member of the Craven family to graduate from college and obtain a degree. A devoted family man, Tom is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and his two children.

Karen Fitzpatrick, of Yakima, had just graduated from West Valley High School where she was an honor student, soccer player, and musician. She was involved in the Department of Ecology's Youth Corps, active in her church and the Kiwanis Key Club, and loved to cook, bake, and sew. Karen is survived by her parents, John and Kathie Fitzpatrick.

Jessica Johnson, of Yakima, graduated from West Valley High School in 1999 and was a junior at Central Washington University majoring in Food Science and Nutrition. She loved the outdoors and was strong in body and spirit. A volunteer at West Valley Fire Department since 1998, Jessica is survived by her parents, Jody Gray and Rick Johnson.

Devin Weaver, of Yakima, was enrolled in Yakima Valley Community College since 1999 and was planning to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed backpacking, hunting, and camping in his free time. Since the eighth grade, Devin worked for his father's silk-flower manufacturing business and always volunteered for extra work assignments. Devin is survived by his parents, Ken and Barbara Weaver.

Firefighters are on the front lines, every single day, saving lives and safeguarding our property and natural resources. While most of

us would immediately flee a smoky, fire-engulfed home, building, or forest, these brave souls choose to enter these dangerous places sacrificing their safety for ours. I want to thank them personally for their bravery and their courage. Their heroism is of the same rank as so many other American patriots who have lost their lives in service to our country. Tom, Karen, Jessica, and Devin—you are in our thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN BATTLE

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I join my fellow colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to salute and pay tribute to Kathleen Battle, a lyrical legend whose contribution to the spirit of music is beyond measure.

In classic, poetic soprano, Kathleen Battle has captivated millions through her performances around the world. The purity and projection of her voice has earned her broad acclaim as one of the premier vocalists of all time. Her range travels through the era of Baroque and into the realm of folk and contemporary jazz.

Kathleen Battle has distinguished herself as one of the finest interpreters of Mozart, Rossini and Donizetti. Her performances are often described as "spellbinding" or "euphoric" as she takes listeners to the seat of her own soul, refusing to return them until the last chord.

Kathleen Battle's melodic, mesmerizing voice has been featured with the world's most acclaimed orchestras and conductors including Levine, Solti, Ozawa, Previn and Maazel. She is a frequent guest at the festivals of Salzburg, Ravinia and Tanglewood, and has toured extensively in recital across the United States, Canada, Europe and the Far East. She performs regularly at the Metropolitan Opera in New York as well as at the opera houses of Vienna, Paris, San Francisco, Chicago and the Royal Opera House Covent Garden.

Appearing in concert and recording with some of the world's most renowned musicians, including violinist Itzhak Perlman, flutist Jean-Pierre Rampal, and tenors Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo, Kathleen Battle is a brilliant collaborative artist and favorite among the best of the best. Hers is a language of passion . . . raw emotion on stage that cannot be paralleled.

Keen musical sensitivity and introspective interpretation have won Kathleen Battle three Grammy Awards. She is truly one of the most distinguished recording artists of all time, having released complete opera, concert, choral and solo recital albums.

Kathleen Battle has left an indelible imprint on the hearts of her fans and the souls of musicians to come. Today, we honor this great American, but the legacy of her music will live forever.